

## **ARLINGTON PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINTUES**

**Approved 5-0**

*March 29, 2022*

The Town of Arlington Park and Recreation Commission came to order for its online virtual meeting via Zoom on Tuesday March 29, 2022 at 7:00pm.

**Commission Members:** Jen Rothenberg, Phil Lasker, Shirley Canniff, Scott Walker, Leslie Mayer, Josh Fenollosa, and Sarah Carrier. Director of Recreation Joseph Connelly was also present.

**Anticipated Speakers:** Emily Hunt, David Warner, Sameer Bhoite

**Preliminary Matter:** Phil Lasker, Park & Recreation Commission Chair, took formal attendance via a roll call and read a statement pertaining to Governor Baker's Public Meeting Law change due to COVID-19 regarding virtual meetings. Meeting business ground rules and procedures were also covered by Mr. Lasker.

**Open Forum** – There were no comments for Open Forum

### **Final Design Review and Technical Specifications for Bishop, Peirce, and Stratton Playgrounds**

Mr. Connelly reviewed the public hearing process to date and reviewed the expectations for the technical design review.

Ms. Hunt, Mr. Bhoite, and Mr. Warner reviewed the Site Prep, Materials & Layout Plan, Grading Plan, and Landscape Details for all three projects. After each site's review the Commission asked questions and had discussion points of the design and technical specifications.

Below is an outline of the discussion points:

#### **Bishop School Playground**

- Access to field concerns for both field users and maintenance crew – Warner Larson to investigate
- Bike Rack Placement – Warner Larson to investigate
- Community Board Condition –Determined to be adequate with some paint

#### **Peirce School Playground**

- Swap out carousel for accessible spinner – Warner Larson will work with playground manufacturer – This may require more space and may result in the removal of the new tree in that area
- Drainage under permeable pavers –Specification detail approved
- Concerns over trees planted within poured in place rubber – Commission requested that trees be placed elsewhere and not within the PIP for long term maintenance reasons
- Bench Placement – Warner Larson to look at a more deliberate placement of the seating benches
- Bike Racks More and Placement – Mr. Connelly to ask the school principal for input

## **Stratton School**

- Electrical Box Placement – Mr. Connelly to check on functionality
- Gaga Pit Placement and Flooring – Mr. Connelly is working on this and it is in the plan as a tentative location on the hot top
- Back Bench Request by Ms. .Carrier near tot play ground – Commission is sticking with all accessible benches in the plan
- Trees in PIP – Same standard at Peirce
- Concrete Path Recommendation by Amphitheater connecting with the swing area
- Picnic Table – Warner Larson to see if any other area makes more sense than near Amphitheater
- Monkey Bars – Look at adding another section of bars that is a little lower

This concluded the technical design review.

Ms. Mayer motioned to approve the designs as presented with the recommendations and changes discussed at tonight's meeting being instituted only if and when possible. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rothenberg and approved 5-0.

Mr. Connelly and Mr. Lasker thanked everyone for their input in the process and reviewed the schedule going forward.

### ***New Business***

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### ***Adjournment***

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Joseph Connelly

Director of Recreation